

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, May 31, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (17/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Emmons, Gillard. (2/19)

Representative Garfield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of May 24, 2006, supported by Representative Clemente. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4608 before the Committee.

HB 4608 Kahn	Public utilities; electric utilities; requirement for utilities to produce a certain portion of electricity for sale through renewable sources; provide for.
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Representative Kahn reviewed the contents of HB 4608 with Committee members.

Paul Wendler, representing Midland Energy, spoke in support of HB 4608.

The Chair laid SB 1172 before the Committee.

SB 1172 Brown	Communications; telecommunications; sunset on 9-1-1 emergency service district; extend.
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Senator Cameron Brown spoke to the Committee regarding the contents of SB 1172 and answered questions.

Gus Andreasen, representing the Downriver Community Conference and the Conference of Eastern Wayne, spoke to the Committee in support of SB 1172 and outlined the need for a technical amendment to page 8, line 14, of the bill.

Sheriff Dale Gribler, representing the Emergency Telephone Service Committee (ETSC) and Harriet Miller-Brown, representing the Michigan State Police (MSP) State 9-1-1, spoke in support of SB 1172 and answered questions.

Cards for SB 1172 were submitted by:

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, in support
Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission, in support
Mike Moorman, representing the MSP Troopers Association, in support

Chair Nofs announced that the Committee would stand at ease, the time being 9:40 a.m.

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Representative Stahl made a motion to amend SB 1172, supported by Representative Moore, as follows:

1. Amend page 8, line 14, after “(15)” by inserting “Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the emergency telephone technical charge and the emergency telephone operational charge shall not be levied or collected after December 31, 2007.”

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: Representative Drolet. (1/19) (14/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Clemente made a motion to report SB 1172 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (14/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: Representative Drolet. (1/19) (14/0/1)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Committee returned to consideration of HB 4608.

Gerald Decker and Lowell Youngquist, representing Midland Energy, spoke in support of HB 4608 and answered questions.

John Fulenwider, representing Michigan Wind, LLC, spoke in support of HB 4608.

Gayle Miller, representing the Sierra Club, submitted a card indicating support for HB 4608.

Chair Nofs indicated that the Committee would continue to work on HB 4608.

The Chair laid SB 1202 before the Committee.

SB 1202	Patterson	Consumer protection; other; sale of cellular telephone records; prohibit.
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Chris Gillette, representing Senator Patterson, spoke to the Committee regarding the provisions of SB 1202.

Cards indicating support for SB 1202 were submitted by:

Bill Knox, representing the AARP

Jennifer Greenburg, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan

Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission

Representative Accavitti made a motion to report SB 1202 with recommendation, supported by Representative Palsrok.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Garfield, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente. (15/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (15/0/0)

The Chair laid SB 803 before the Committee.

SB 803	Allen	Property tax; personal property; alternative energy systems; include in definition of personal property.
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Jeremy Hendges, representing Senator Allen, spoke to the Committee regarding SB 803.

Peter Mastic, representing Noble Environmental Power, spoke in support of SB 803.

Scott Schrager, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a card indicating support for SB 803 and answered questions.

Steve Arwood, representing the Nextenergy Center, submitted a card indicating support for SB 803.

Representative Drolet made a motion to report SB 803 with recommendation, supported by Representative Schuitmaker.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Clemente. (13/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (13/0/0)

Representative Baxter made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Moore. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:38 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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